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An Imitation of Lucian's Ignoramus: *Being an Invective againſt an illiterate Fellow, who was very fond of Books.*

YOU expect the Character of a great Scholar, becauſe you have purchas'd a great many Books: Whereas it only makes your Ignorance more apparent. Books are intirely out of your Element, ſo that you muſt always depend on the Judgment of others, and as that is as various as Taſte, or Faſhion, you are often in Danger of being made the Jeſt of Men of Senſe, and always the Bubble of your Bookſeller. Prithee how came you to be a Judge of Books, unleſs 'tis from their Age? The Eſtimate you make of them is proportionable to their being Worm-eaten: But, ſuppoſe you are vers'd in their Editions and Contents, what Advantage does it gain you, ſince you have not the Capacity to diſtinguiſh the ſolid or ſhining Paſſages, any more than a blind Man has of Colours? You ſtare, indeed, upon a Book with all the Eyes you have, and turn it over Leaf by Leaf: But what then? You know not where 'tis faulty, nor when 'tis fine. How ſhould you come by ſuch Knowledge, unleſs the *Muſes* had inſpir'd you, as they did *Heſiod*? But why ſhould I hint at *Parnaſſus* to you? You know not even whether there is ſuch a Place. Nay, ſhould you ever, by Accident, climb that ſacred Hill, the *Muſes* would be ſo far from making thee a Preſent of Laurel, that they would pelt thee out of the Confines, for fear you ſhould defile their ſacred Streams: Add to this, that your Life has been too ſcandalous for Virgins to converſe with you. Tho', literally ſpeaking, you have a good Stock, yet you can't ſay, that, from your very Youth, you have been train'd up in their Myſteries, or that even the Converſation of learned Men had made their Secrets familiar to you, at ſecond Hand. This Blot you think to conceal behind a vaſt Quantity of Books: But give me Leave to tell you, that, if you had all *Demoſthenes*'s Manuſcripts, who copied, with his own Hand, the Hiſtory of *Thucydides* eight Times over, nay had you all the Books that *Sylla* carried from *Athens*, they would do you no Service, even tho' you hung them about your Neck, or ſlept on them every Night: For, as the old Proverb has it, *An Ape is but an Ape, tho' he be cover'd with a Cloth of Gold*. I own you have always a Book in your Hand, but you know no more of it, than an Aſs does of Muſick. If Store of Books would make a Scholar, who would be ſo learned as Bookſellers, who have 100 paſs thro' their Hands to any other Perſon's one: Nay, their very Shops too would be as knowing as themſelves. Boaſt no more of thy Study, as an Evidence of thy Capacity. What ſay you to this? Well, if you can't ſpeak, make a Sign with your Head at leaſt. Should a Perſon have *Timotheus*'s Pipe, or that which coſt *Iſmenias* three Talents, would that render him an Artiſt? No, tho' he had *Olympias*'s, and *Marſyas*'s beſide. He is no *Hercules* that only holds his Club, or wears his Lion's Skin. If you are not *Philoctetes*, you know not what to do with his Arrows. He muſt be indeed a Pilot that ſteers a Ship well, and a thorough Equerry to manage the Great Horſe. Be frank then, and candidly own that all the Steps you have hitherto taken towards Knowledge, have only illuſtrated thy Stupidity.

'Tis not long ago, ſince a rich Man in *Aſia* loſt his Feet, by travelling thro' the Snow, in the Depth of Winter: However, to hide the Imperfection, he was ever after nice in his Shoes, tho' he could never walk without two luſty Fellows to ſupport him. Tho' he took a Pride in his Shoes, they were but Shackles to him; ſo are Books juſt the ſame Thing to a Blockhead.

In the Multitude you are poſſeſs'd of, perhaps you have *Homer*; pray then beg ſome Body to explain to you the Character of *Therſites*, there is no other Part of the Poem that has any Relation to you. Suppoſe then that contemptible Fellow has put on the Armour of *Achilles*, Do you think he would have ſtopt *Scamander* with dead Bodies, and kill'd *Hector* with his own Hands? No certainly, you will be oblig'd to confeſs that every Body would have more Cauſe to laugh to ſee him reeling beneath the ponderous Buckler, or peeping thro' the Helmet, while the Hump on his Back ſhow'd the Cuiraſs above his Shoulders. In ſhort, it would have been an Indignity to the Hero that the Arms belong'd to, as well as the God that made them. Well then, will not this hold good againſt yourſelf, when you read a Book you don't underſtand? Certainly, and your very Flatterers, who applaud you to your Face, make a Jeſt of you, as ſoon as your Back is turn'd.

There was a rich Man of *Tarentum*, who took it into his Head to make one at the *Pythian* Games, and, not being ſtrong enough to wreſtle, or ſwift enough to run, choſe to make himſelf a Candidate in Muſick. Urg'd on by his Sycophants, he came to *Delphos*, made his Appearance at the Games in Cloth of Gold, with a Crown in the Shape of Laurel, but the Leaves were of Gold and the Fruit Emeralds. His Harp was proportionably rich, cover'd with Jewels, and adorn'd with the Figures of *Orpheus*, *Apollo*, and the *Muſes*. Such a pompous Appearance drew all Eyes upon him, and every one expected ſome wonderful Performance, anſwerable to ſo expenſive a Preparation. But, when he attempted to exert his Faculties, his Voice was out of Tune, as well as his Harp, and nothing was to be heard but Diſcord from both. The whole Theatre rung with Laughter at this, and, ſo much the more, as his Figure ſeem'd to promiſe ſo much. In a Word, the Judges of the Games had him laſh'd out of the Theatre, cover'd with Dirt, and overwhelm'd with Shame and Confuſion. After him came one *Emulus* of *Elis*, an excellent Maſter, who charm'd the whole Audience, with the Skill of his Compoſitions, and the Excellency of his Performance, and was by univerſal Conſent proclaim'd Conqueror, tho' mean in Apparel, and with an old Inſtrument that hardly promis'd to be capable of Harmony. His Jeſt upon the *Tarentine* was ſmart enough; You were crown'd with Gold and Jewels, ſays he, becauſe you were rich, and becauſe I was poor, they put me off with one of Laurel: But I am ſatisfied with mine notwithſtanding, becauſe it argued I had ſome Merit to deſerve it, whereas yours laid you open to Ignominy and Contempt.

There is ſomething very applicable in this Tale to you: You promiſe as much with your Library, as the *Tarentine* with his Harp and Crown, and perform as little. The World is equally favourable to both, and you ſeem as little likely to be reform'd with its Cenſure as he.

[*The reſt of this will be publiſh'd in our next.*]

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER.

SIR,

THE following little Poems will ſerve to give your Readers a Specimen of the Wit of our Anceſtors, in the Reigns of *Henry* VIII. and Queen *Elizabeth*; and, as moſt of the Writings of that Time are now grown almoſt obſolete, and yet have Merit enough to make them the Entertainment of the preſent Age, you may make frequent Extracts from them, in order to render them better known, and eſtabliſh them in the Reputation they ſo juſtly deſerve. *Yours*, &c. K. B.

An Epitaph made by a Huſband on his Death-Bed, to be ſet upon hys own Tomb.

LO! here lyeth one under the Ground,
Among the greedy Wormes,
Who in his Life-Tyme never found
But Strife, and ſturdy Storms.
And namely to a wycked Wife,
As to the Worlde appears,
She was the Short'ning of his Life
By many Days, and Years:
He might have lived long God-wot,
His Yeares they were full young:
Of wicked Wyves this is the Lot
To kill with ſpiteful Tongue.
Whoſe Memory ſhall ſtill remayne
In Writing here with me,
That Men may know whom ſhe hath ſlayne,
And ſay this ſame is ſhe!

An Anſwer. By Sir Thomas Wyatt.

IF that thy wicked Wyfe had ſpun the Thread,
And were the Weaver of thy Woe,
Thou art then doubly happy to be dead,
As happily diſpatched ſo.
If Rage, bred cauſeleſs, cauſe thee to complayne,
Or Mood was Mover of thy Mone:
If Phrenzy forced on thy teſty Brayne,
Then bleſt is ſhe to live alone.
So, whether were the Grounds of other's Grieſe,
Becauſe ſo doubtful was thy Doom,
Still Death hath brought your Payne a right Reliefe,
And bleſſed be ye both become.
So that ſhe lives no longer bound to beare
The Rule of ſuch a froward Head,
And thou no longer art oblig'd to feare
The reſtleſs Ramp, that thou hadſt wed.
Be thou as glad therefore that thou art gone
As ſhe is glad ſhe doth abide:
For, ſo ye be aſunder, all is one;
A badder Match can't be untyde.

The OLD MAN *of* VERONA. *Tranſlated from* CLAUDIAN.

BLEST Huſbandman! whoſe horny Hands have till'd
(His Life's Employment) his paternal Field;
The Cottage and the Roof, that did behold
His infant Years, now ſee him very old:
Propp'd on his Staff he numbers o'er, intent,
The many Years within that Cottage ſpent.
Fortune ne'er drew him from his peaceful Home,
Nor does he wiſh in Foreign Climes to roam;
Nor dreads Sea-Storms, nor hears th' Alarms of War,
Nor the hoarſe Wrangling of the noiſy Bar.
Rude to the World, and Stranger to its Care,
He breaths, in open Skies, untainted Air.
By Seaſons only, he computes the Year,
Flow'rs ſhew the Spring, and Fruits the Autumn near.
In the ſame Field, at Work he does ſurvey
The riſing Sun, and marks its ſetting Ray;
And his own Labour meaſures out the Day.
Yon' ſturdy Oak, a ſlender Twig he knew;
He and the Foreſt, old together grew.
Near to his homely Cott *Verona* ſtands,
Yet diſtant ſeems to him as *India*'s Lands.
Benacus' Lake, which glads his Neighbourhood,
He counts remoter than the *Perſic* Flood.
Mean Time the luſty Sire delights to ſee
Of vig'rous Grand-ſons a long Progeny.
Who rambles, only knows Fatigue and Noiſe;
At Home who reſts contented, Life enjoys.

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 23.

ON Thurſday laſt the Right Hon. the Lord *Carpenter* ſent as a Curioſity to the Royal Society, a *Guiney* Fowl with three Legs, which was alive and well, and was one of 49 young ones which were bred at his Houſe at *Neeſdon* in *Middleſex* the laſt Seaſon, from one Pair of *Guiney* Fowls, beſides 11 young ones which were kill'd by a Dog, and ſeveral Eggs loſt and ſpoil'd.

Among the extraordinary Preparations that are making for the Royal Nuptials, we hear the Knights of the *Bath* (who are to walk in the Proceſſion) have beſpoke ſeveral Diamond Orders.

[Price THREE HALF-PENCE.]

N. B. *Advertiſements, of a reaſonable Length are put in this Paper at Two Shillings and Six-Pence each.*

Yeſterday being the Birth-Day of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs *Mary*, who then enter'd the 12th Year of her Age, their Majeſties received the Compliments of the Nobility, Foreign Miniſters, and other Perſons of Diſtinction, on that Occaſion; and in the Evening his Highneſs the Duke of *Cumberland* gave a Ball to the young Lords and Ladies at his Apartment.

They write from *Bath*, that on Wedneſday laſt Mr. *Naſh* erected in the new Square in the Grove, a Monumental Stone with the following Inſcription.

In Memoriam
Sanitatis
Principi Auriaco
Aquarum Thermalium Potu
Favente Deo
Ovante Britannia
Feliciter Reſtitutæ
MDCCXXXIV.

'Tis added, that the Square is to be call'd, in Compliment to his Highneſs the Prince of *Orange*, ORANGE-SQUARE.

Marriage. On Thurſday laſt the Hon. *William Talbot*, Eſq. eldeſt Son to the Lord Chancellor, was married to Mrs. *Cardonnel*, only Daughter of *Adam de Cardonnel*, Eſq; Secretary to his Grace the late Duke of *Marlborough*, a Lady of a large Fortune.

MONDAY, *Feb.* 25.

On Friday laſt the Right Hon. *Richard Lumley*, Earl of *Scarborough*, went to Court and reſign'd his Place of Maſter of the Horſe to his Majeſty, and the ſame Evening ſent home the King's Coach, and all the Royal Liveries which his Lordſhip had in his Service.

On Saturday laſt his Grace the Duke of *Richmond* came Poſt to Town from his Seat at *Goodwood* in *Suſſex*, being ſent for by his Majeſty, as 'tis ſaid, to ſucceed the Earl of *Scarborough*.

On Saturday laſt Count *Joſeph Kinſki*, being newly arrived here from the Court of *Vienna*, with a publick Character, was introduced to their Majeſties by his Brother, Count *Kinſki*, the *Imperial* Envoy, and at the ſame Time delivered a Letter to his Majeſty from the Emperor: He is to continue here in the room of his Brother, who is preparing to return to *Germany*.

Preferment. *Auguſtus Schutz*, Eſq; Privy-Purſe and Maſter of the Robes to his Majeſty, *&c.* is appointed to be Avener and Clerk-Martial of his Majeſty's Stables, vacant ever ſince the Death of Col. *Negus*.

Deaths. Laſt Wedneſday died at *Hertford*, the Rev. Mr. *Battell*, formerly Maſter of the Free-School in that Town, but deprived for Non-Conformity to the Terms requir'd at the Revolution.——Yeſterday died, at his Houſe in *Aldersgate-ſtreet*, Mr. *Richardſon*, an eminent Apothecary.

Bankrupts. *John Taylor*, of the Pariſh of St. *Saviour*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, Dyer.——*John Bellingham*, of *Wem*, in the County of *Salop*, Mercer.——*Thomas Archer*, late of *Flitcham*, in the County of *Norfolk*, Jobber.——*James Martin*, of *Bell-Yard*, in *Grace-church ſtreet*, *London*, Baker and Chapman.

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 26.

On Friday laſt a Man of War's Boat endeavouring to board the *Wilmington* from *Rotterdam* at the *Nore*, with a ſtout Gale of Wind, the Ship having violent Force thro' the Water, the Boat accidentally ſtove herſelf againſt the Ship's Bow: Four of the Men quitted the Boat, and got into the Ship, and the reſt were afterwards taken up in the Ship's Boat, which was immediately hoiſted out and ſent to their Aſſiſtance; the Ship at the ſame Time bringing to with all her Sails aloft, to the Danger of carrying her Maſt away; but we don't hear of any further Damage than the Loſs of the Boat.

The ſame Day a great Number of Sailors were impreſs'd for his Majeſty's Service out of the homeward-bound Colliers in *Long-Reach*; and we hear that great Numbers of Sailors daily enter on board ſuch Ships of War as are in Readineſs to receive them.

They write from *Briſtol*, that on Thurſday laſt about One o'Clock, the Prince of *Orange* honour'd that City with a Viſit, his Highneſs being in one of the King's Coaches, attended by Sir *Clement Cotterel*, Baron *Sparr*, and ſeveral of the Nobility from *Bath*: He was met ſeveral Miles out of Town by ſuch a great Number of Gentlemen of Diſtinction on Horſeback and in Coaches, that the like Sight has not been ſeen in this City ſince the publick Entry of a crown'd Head: The Body of Weavers (about 300 in Number) with Orange Cockades in their Hats (a great Part of whom were in their Holland Shirts) and a great Number of Wool-combers in Holland Shirts and Wool Caps, made a fine Proceſſion, and met his Highneſs at *Buſleton-Common*, with Colours flying, and a Set of Muſick before them; the Regiment of Foot in Quarters here, commanded by Col. *Montagu*, were drawn up in the Square, and march'd from thence by Beat of Drum into *High-ſtreet*, where they lin'd each Side of the Way; the Towers of the City were likewiſe hung with Scarlet Streamers, as were many Houſes with ſeveral Adornments; and ſuch a vaſt Crowd of People aſſembled in the Streets, both from Town and Country, as was ſurprizing; ſo that with the Bells ringing, the Guns firing from the Shipping, and the Shouts of the People, the City eccho'd with Acclamations. The Sheriffs in a Chariot with ſix Horſes receiv'd his Highneſs at his Entrance upon the City Liberties, and return'd immediately preceding his Coach. The Proceſſion paſſed thro' the City with great Order. The Prince alighted at the Council Houſe, where he was receiv'd by the Mayor and Corporation in their Formalities, and conducted up Stairs into their Council Chamber, when their Town-Clerk, *William Cann*, Eſq; addreſs'd his Highneſs in the following Manner:

May it pleaſe your Highneſs,

We are here conven'd to congratulate you with one Aſſent on the Recovery of your Health, and ſafe Arrival at this antient City, whoſe Inhabitants will hereafter particularly diſtinguiſh this happy Day, on which we have been honour'd with the Preſence of a Prince ſprung from the illuſtrious Houſe of *Orange*; a Fountain from whence ſuch various Bleſſings have diffuſed themſelves over theſe Kingdoms, as our Language, in the Mouth of the moſt compleat Maſter of it, would be too faint to deſcribe in Terms adequate to the Richneſs of the Subject.

But permit me, Sir, thus far to ſay, that if our Polity and Government (the moſt perfect human Nature can frame) are Things deſirable to *Britain*, (and that they are ſo no *Engliſhman* ſurely will attempt to draw into Queſtion) then ſhall the Memory of our late glorious King *William* (who ſo ſeaſonably held up our State when it was e'en ſinking under us) flouriſh and be preſerv'd until the End of Time; and an Alliance between our Royal Family and the Houſe of *Naſſau*, will become the deligatful Theme of Poets and Hiſtorians, and the ſilent Pleaſure of all ſuch who are not happily endued with Talents to expreſs the many proſperous Events naturally to flow from ſo agreeable a Conjuncture.

His Highneſs's Anſwer was extremely obliging; but leſt the Delicacy of Expreſſion ſhould be injur'd by the Miſrepreſentation, it is thought fit not to attempt any Publication of it.

The Ceremonial being finiſh'd at the Council-Chamber, his Highneſs, attended by the whole Body in their Coaches, proceeded to his Lodgings at Mr. Alderman *Day*'s in *Queen-Square*, and from thence to the Merchants Hall, where a very elegant Entertainment was prepared: His Highneſs having aſcended the Steps, was pleaſed to turn himſelf to the View of the numerous Crowd below, who on that agreeable Occaſion ſhook the Ground they ſtood on with Huzza's and Acclamations. After Dinner he went to the hot Well, and drank two Glaſſes of Water; and returning to the Hall about Seven in the Evening, where were aſſembled at leaſt five hundred Gentlemen and Ladies, all in Cockades of Orange Colour Ribband; his Highneſs open'd the Ball in a Minute with Mrs. *Pope*, one of the Sheriffs Lady, and was pleas'd to dance three ſeveral Times in the utmoſt Perfection; and after two Hours ſpent there, went in a Chair to his Lodgings. All the Ships at the Key were adorn'd with Colours and Streamers, the Houſes in the Square illuminated, and in ſhort, ſuch univerſal Joy and Satisfaction (without the leaſt Diſorder) appear'd in every Countenance, at the Sight of a Prince adorn'd with ſo many Virtues, that his Highneſs was pleas'd to expreſs himſelf perfectly ſatisfied with his Reception.

The next Day about Ten o'Clock in the Morning, the venerable Body of the Clergy of that City and the neighbouring Pariſhes waited on his Highneſs at his Apartment, where having been introduced by Sir *Clement Cotterel*, Maſter of the Ceremonies, the Rev. Dr. *Creſwick*, Dean of the Dioceſe, made an elegant and pathetick Harangue to his Highneſs, who anſwer'd it in the moſt kind and affable Manner; and immediately after, Mr. *Bion Darcey*, a *French* Clergyman, ſpoke thus to his Highneſs in the *French* Tongue.

Mon Seigneur, *Prevoyant, avance en age comme je le ſuis, que je n'aurai plus le bonheur de voir V. A. de Laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'etre connu depuis ſi longtems, devant Laquelle j'ai eu l'honneur de precher autrefois, et celui de Lui dedier un Livre: je vous ſupplie tres humblement, Mon Seigneur, d'agreer les voeux que je fais, et que je ne ceſſerai jamais de faire, pour la converſation et pour la proſperite de Votre Alteſſe.*

In Engliſh thus.

My Lord, *Foreſeeing, advanced in Years as I am, that I ſhall never have the Happineſs of ſeeing your Highneſs again, to whom I have had the Honour to be ſo long known, before whom I had formerly the Honour of preaching, and that of dedicating a Book to you; I moſt humbly intreat you,* my Lord, *to accept of the Vows I make, and will never ceaſe to make, for your Highneſs's Preſervation and Proſperity.*

About Eleven his Highneſs ſet out on his Return to *Bath*. His Highneſs took his Leave of the City in the moſt tender and affecting Manner: His Behaviour on all Occaſions was ſo extremely engaging, that the Impreſſions it make will ſurvive the preſent Age, and be handed down to Poſterity amongſt the principal Honours that City has receiv'd.

On Saturday laſt at a ſpecial Board of Admiralty, the Lords Commiſſioners put the following Ships of War into Commiſſion, *viz.*

Ships Names.	*Rates.*	*Guns.*	*Men.*	*Commanders.*
Britannia	1	100	1000	Whitby
Blenheim	2	90	680	Griffin
Devonſhire	3	80	520	Stewart
Dorſetſhire	3	80	520	Charlton
Somerſet	3	80	520	Leſtock
Newark	3	80	520	Barnſly
Northumberland	3	70	440	Vanbrug
Sterling Caſtle	3	70	440	Clinton
Yarmouth	3	70	440	Gunman
Bedford	3	70	440	Rowzier
Monmouth	3	70	440	Poole
Burford	3	70	440	poſtpon'd
Plymouth	4	60	365	Luck
Exeter	4	60	365	Brathwait
Windſor	4	60	365	Fletcher
Montague	4	60	360	Conſett
Canterbury	4	60	365	Brooks
Medway	4	60	365	Davers
Defiance	4	60	365	Williams
Nottingham	4	60	365	Hervy
Warwick	4	50	280	Atkinſon
Argyle	4	50	280	Townſend
Litchfield	4	50	280	Yoe
Portland	4	50	280	Smith
Leopard	4	50	280	Hildeſley
Pembroke	4	50	280	Drake
Deptford	4	50	280	Payton
Tilbury	4	50	280	Oſborne
Centurion	4	50	280	Warren
Falkland	4	50	280	Lee
Roebuck	5	40	190	Crawford
Kinſale	5	30	150	Forreſter
Princeſs Louiſa	5	30	150	Trevor

We learn from *Dantzick*, that the Method uſed by the *Ruſſian* and *Saxon* Reſidents there, to carry on a Correſpondence with their Army without Doors, was, by Means of Diſpatches, directed under the Name of King *Staniſlaus*, which the Guards always let paſs without Examination, as likewiſe the Perſon bearing them; but that Method being at laſt diſcover'd, the Miniſters were put under Arreſt, and the poor Courier hang'd up without Mercy: 'Tis added, that a Plot was form'd by ſome of the Burghers who are in the Intereſt of King *Auguſtus*, to ſet Fire to the City at an appointed Time, and under Favour of the Conſternation which would naturally enſue, to let in the *Ruſſian* Army; but this being likewiſe diſcover'd, the Authors were ſeiz'd and clapt in Irons.

Deaths. Laſt Sunday died Mr. *Smith*, an Attorney of *Furnival's-Inn*. He went ſeemingly well to Bed; he knocked once, and when they went up, they found him juſt expiring.——Laſt Night died at *Epſom*, *John Spragg*, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Surrey*.

WEDNESDAY, *Feb.* 27.

The Hon. Col. *Berkley*, Knight of the Shire for *Glouceſter*, Col. of the ſecond Troop of Horſe-Grenadier-Guards, Gentleman of the Horſe to his Majeſty, and firſt Equerry, is appointed to act as Maſter of the Horſe till a new Maſter is appointed.

Yeſterday the *Welch* Judges choſe their Circuits as follow:

SOUTH WALES.

Juſtice *Carter*, and Juſtice *Proctor*.

Radnor, Saturday March 30, at the Town of *Preſwigne*.
Brecon, Friday April 5, at the Town of *Brecon*.
Glamorganſhire, Thurſday April 11, at the Town of *Cardiff*.

NORTH WALES.

Juſtice *Trevor*, and Juſtice *Biſſion*.

Carmarthen, Saturday April 20, at the Town of *Carmarthen*.
Pembroke, Friday April 26, at *Haverfordweſt*.
Cardigan, Wedneſday May 1, at the Town of *Cardigan*.

Boſton in *New-England*, *Jan.* 21. Capt. *Jerſey*, Maſter of the Sloop *Saliſbury*, arrived on Friday laſt from *Anguilla*, and gives an Account of a Hurricane, that happened in the *Weſt-Indies*, on the 10th of *December* laſt: That at St. *Chriſtopher*'s a Ship was drove on Shore, and a Schooner overſet; two of the Hands were drowned that

belonged to her, and two ſaved. That at *Euſtaſia*, two *French* Sloops were entirely loſt, one of them fully laden with Molaſſes; that he himſelf was drove from his Moorings at *Anguilla*, and was nine Days before he got in again. That before he left that Place, he heard the Negroes on the Iſland of St. *John*'s were ſubdued, and many of them hanged.

Bankrupt. Diggory Cock, of the City of *Exon*, Merchant.

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 28.

Yeſterday the Seſſions began at the *Old Bailey*, when 33 Perſons were tried, three whereof were capitally convicted, *viz. Henry Crane*, for robbing Mrs. *Alice Gregory* and *Martha Williams* on the Highway near *Paneras*, of 5 s. 6 d. and ſome Farthings; *Edward Tudor*, for breaking open the Houſe of *Francis Oſborn*, and ſtealing Butter; and *Joſeph Dutton*, for breaking open the Trunk of *Hugh Hughes*, his Fellow-Servant, and ſtealing from thence ten Guineas: Twenty-one were caſt for Tranſportation, and nine acquitted. *William Morriſon*, the Blackſmith, who was brought from *Norwich Caſtle* to *Newgate*, was brought to the Bar, and offered himſelf an Evidence againſt *James Ford*, and others his Accomplices, for divers Robberies on the Highway; but the Court would not admit him an Evidence, but ordered him to be remanded to *Newgate*.

Yeſterday a great Cauſe was heard before the Houſe of Peers, between his Grace the Duke of *Bridgwater*, Appellant, and Sir *Francis Edwards*, Reſpondent; when their Lordſhips reverſed the Decree.

Laſt Tueſday ſome Sharpers got into the Painted Chamber adjoining to the Houſe of Lords, and carried off undiſcover'd a fine Carpet of conſiderable Value, which cover'd the Table where the Lords and Commons met at Conference.

His Majeſty's Stables at the *Meuſe*, when finiſhed according to the preſent Plan, will be by far the moſt compleat Building of that Kind in *England*: The Eaſt and Weſt Sides are to anſwer that already finiſh'd, and the South Side is to be laid open to *Charing-Croſs* by a fine Iron Palliſadoe, and three grand Gates likewiſe of Iron.

Several Houſes are to be built in the Inner-Court for his Majeſty's Equerries and other Officers.

Yeſterday there was a Board of Admiralty, when the ſix following Admirals were ſworn before their Lordſhips, *viz.* Sir *John Norris*, Sir *George Walton*, Admiral *Stewart*, Admiral *Balchin*, Admiral *Mitchel*, and Admiral *Cavendiſh*, and they received their Commiſſions accordingly for their Stations.

The *Bank* of *England* have agreed with the Grocers Company for the Uſe of their Hall till *Midſummer* next, by which Time the Houſe they are building behind the *Royal-Exchange* will be compleatly fitted up.

Preferment. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the Hon. Sir *Edward Crofton*, Bart. one of the Privy Council in *Ireland*, to be Surveyor-General of his Majeſty's Fortifications in that Kingdom, in the room of Sir *Edward Lovet*, deceas'd.

Marriages. On Monday laſt Mr. *Samuel Hyde*, an eminent *Virginia* Merchant in *Rhood-Lane*, was married to the Widow of Capt. *Lawſon*, who died Commander of the *Francis*, coming home from the *Eaſt-Indies*.——Laſt Tueſday the Rev. Dr. *Martin*, Prebend of *Windſor*, was married to Miſs *Hawkins*, a young Lady of 40,000 l. Fortune.

Deaths. On Tueſday laſt died ſuddenly, *William Dawkins*, Eſq; an eminent *Virginia* Merchant of this City, who was in the Commiſſion of the Peace for the County of *Eſſex*, and likewiſe one of the Governors of St. *Thomas*'s and Mr. *Guy*'s Hoſpitals.——Yeſterday died, at *Ilford* in *Eſſex*, *Joſeph Broom*, Eſq; formerly an eminent *Hamburgh* Merchant of this City.

FRIDAY, *March* 1.

Yeſterday recording to annual Cuſtom, the *Weſtminſter* Scholars made their Exerciſes in *Latin*, at which Performance his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Cumberland*, attended by Mr *Poyntz*, was preſent: His Highneſs left the School about Three, after which the Maſters, *&c.* were elegantly entertained at Dinner, and the Night ended with a Comedy from *Terence*, and a Ball.

The ſame Day the great Cauſe between Mr. *Boucher*, Plaintiff, and the Owners of a Veſſel, in which Mr. *Boucher* had ſhipped 1200 Moidores, Defendant, came on at *Guildhall*. The Cauſe of Action was, that the ſaid Moidores did not come to hand for the Uſe of the ſaid Mr. *Boucher*; but the Defendant proved that the Veſſel was truſted with their Captain who had abſconded. The Jury, after a long Trial, brought in their Verdict *Special*, which is to be decided by the twelve Judges.

His Grace the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, who has been dangerouſly ill, was thought Yeſterday in a fair Way of Recovery.

They write from *Deal*, that on Saturday laſt a Man of War firing a Cannon-Ball at a Merchant Ship that would not come to, in the *Downs*, the ſaid Ball lodg'd in a Brick Wall at that Place, where it was ſeen by abundance of People.

Yeſterday 25 Priſoners were tried at the *Old Bailey*, four whereof were capitally convicted, *viz. Ralph Holbrook*, for a Robbery on the Highway; *William Davis*, and *Caleb Charleſworth*, for divers Burglaries; and *Judith Defour*, for the Murder of her Daughter *Mary Defour*, an Infant about two Years and three Months old. *William Bracket* was tried for the Murder of his Lodger, an elderly Woman, at the *Red-Cow* in *Creed-Lane*, and acquitted.

On Saturday laſt a Midſhipman with a Preſs-Gang attempting to board a *Holland* Sloop juſt come into the River, the Steer's-Man of the Veſſel found Means to overſet the Boat, by which Accident two of the Seamen were drowned, and the Midſhipman miſerably bruiſed.

Yeſterday the Wife of *Charles Bertie*, Eſq; a near Relation to the Duke of *Ancaſter*, was ſafely deliver'd of a Son and Heir.

On Wedneſday Night the Wife of *Thomas Floyer*, Eſq; was ſafely deliver'd of a Daughter.

The Lady Viſcounteſs *Liſburne* was lately brought to Bed of a Son and Heir.

Yeſterday his Grace the Duke of *Montagu* ſet out from *Ditton-Park* to make Preparations to entertain the Prince of *Orange*, who is to arrive there on Saturday Night, and to continue till Monday, when his Highneſs will return to *Somerſet-Houſe*, where every Thing is got ready for his Reception.

Yeſterday Morning about One o'Clock, a Fire broke out in the Chimney of the Lord *Fane*'s Houſe in St. *James*'s-*Place*, which alarm'd the Guard at St. *James*'s, whereupon the Colonel, an Enſign, two Serjeants, two Corporals, and twelve private Men, march'd thither, and by timely Aſſiſtance extinguiſh'd it without doing much Damage. His Lordſhip has been ſince pleas'd to give the Guard ten Guineas for their Trouble.

Upwards of 50 Men have been employ'd at *Fleet-Ditch* for theſe three Weeks paſt in throwing out the Rubbiſh and Soil into Lighters, which carry it off to mend the Cauſeways on the River and the Banks of the Neat-Houſes. Barges come up daily with Bricks, which are ſtow'd in the Vaults on the Side of the Ditch, till ſuch Time as the Whole is clear'd of the Soil. And Yeſterday they began to pull down the Bridge which croſſes from *Fleet-Lane* to *Harp-Alley*.

Preferment. Joſeph Langham, Eſq; is appointed Captain of a Company in the Regiment of Foot on the *Iriſh* Eſtabliſhment, commanded by Brigadier General *Moyle*, in the room of *Thomas O'Brian*, Eſq; deceaſed.

Marriage. The Beginning of this Week *William Hendly*, of *Gray's-Inn*, Eſq; was married to Mrs. *Dorothy Singleton*, of *Bloomſbury Square*, a Gentlewoman of a large Fortune.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Cracow, Feb. 16. N. S.

THIS Day ſeveral of the Senators waited on Count *Lewold*, the *Czarina*'s Ambaſſador, to complain, that the *Ruſſian* Troops had carry'd off the *Archives* at *Maſovia*, and that they did not pay fairly for the Forage the Country found them. Whereupon his Excellency anſwer'd, That as to the firſt Article, he had not before been acquainted with it, and would take immediate Care to procure a Reſtitution; and as to the other, that the Empreſs his Miſtreſs deſir'd nothing more than to pay the due Price for her Army's neceſſary Subſiſtence; therefore deſir'd, that Commiſſaries might be appointed in every Palatinate, to provide the Forage and ſettle the Price. His Excellency added, that he ſhould be glad to ſee Peace reſtor'd in the Republick, that the *Ruſſian* Army might retire from that Kingdom.

Paris, Feb. 26. They write from *Italy*, that the *Spaniards* have had a ſmall Skirmiſh with the *Imperialiſts*, and driven them from an important Poſt which they poſſeſs'd on the *Po* towards the *Parmezan*: And from *Spain*, that his *Catholick* Majeſty has ſent Orders to *America*, to have all the Places there put in a good State of Defence. Our Letters from *Conſtantinople*, by Way of *Venice*, import, that *Kouli-Kan*, the *Perſian* General, has ſet at Liberty all the *Turkiſh* Priſoners he took in the late Battle, and has ſent Propoſitions of Peace to the Porte, which have been approv'd in all the material Points: They add, that the Secretary to *Kouli Kan*, having propos'd to him to raiſe a Sum of Money, by ſetting to Sale all Poſts in the Government and Army, that General reply'd, in a Paſſion, *Employments are the Reward of Virtue*;——*your Councils, therefore, tend to rob honeſt Men of their Rewards, and myſelf of the Honour of beſtowing them where due*; *in either Caſe you merit Death*; ſo order'd him immediately to be put into a Sack and thrown into the River.

Naples, Feb. 9. All is in Confuſion again in *Corſica*, where the Malecontents have choſen *Girolamo Ria* for their Head, and dignified him with the Title of King. They have Plenty of Proviſions and Ammunition ſent them by *Gioffери*, one of their Heads in the laſt Riſing; and thus the Soldiers in Garriſon dare not ſtir out for Fear of being knocked on the Head. Our Viceroy has ſtript *Don Carlos*'s Agent here of his Character, and ſummoned a Collateral Council to deliberate, whether he ſhould not be forbid the Kingdom; but it was therein reſolved to wait till his *Imperial* Majeſty's Pleaſure be known with Regard to ſuch a Step.

Dantzick, Feb. 20. The *Saxon* Miniſter not having comply'd with the Orders ſent him to depart this City, an Officer and ſix Muſqueteers were ſent to him, as likewiſe to the *Ruſſian* Miniſter, to put them under an Arreſt; and on the 5th Inſtant they were both conducted out of this City under a Guard of 36 Men, towards *Demmers*. Some Burghers and others, that were ſuſpected, are fled from hence. The Magiſtrates having ordered the Engineers to cut the Banks of the River *Cadaw*, it has been done accordingly, and the whole Dantzicker-Werden is under Water, as is alſo the Country for Half a Mile round this City, by which Means the *Ruſſians* will meet with ſome Difficulty in their Approach. On the 7th Inſtant, a Trumpeter arrived at the Barrier of this City from Gen. *Lacy*, with a Letter for the Magiſtrates, importing, that he had been informed, that the *Ruſſian* and *Saxon* Miniſters had been put under an Arreſt, as likewiſe two Couriers, and requiring their being ſet at Liberty. The Magiſtrates have returned for Anſwer, That all that had paſſed was without their Knowledge; that the two Miniſters had left their City, and that the two Couriers were not in their Hands, but in thoſe of the Court. The general Quarters of General *Lacy* are at *Proeſt*, about a Mile from this Place. By Deſerters and Letters, we have the Confirmation of the weak State the *Ruſſian* Army is in, and that they are not in a Condition to undertake any Thing againſt this City.

Mantua, Feb. 17. Count *Merci* arrived here the 13th, and after holding a Council of War, returned to join 12,000 Men on the Frontiers of *Italy*, being the firſt Column of *Imperial* Troops, and the ſecond Column is now paſſing the Mountains of *Tyrol*.

Ratisbon, Feb. 23. When the *Imperial* Decree came on the Carpet laſt *Wedneſday*, in the Dyet of the Empire, it was repreſented to that great Aſſembly, That *France* having broke the Peace of *Baden*, attacked and taken *Fort Kehl*, exacted by Force of Arms Contributions in the Empire, and taken, jointly with *Sardinia* and *Spain*, the Dutchy of *Milan*, a Fief of the Empire, it was neceſſary, conformable to the Intentions of his *Imperial* Majeſty, to repel Force with Force, to declare *France* and her Adherents Enemies to the Empire, and the King of *Sardinia* alſo an Enemy, without giving Ear to any Negotiations for a Neutrality. Some of the Miniſters, particularly thoſe of *Bavaria*, reply'd, That the Affairs of *Poland* being the Ground of the preſent War, the Empire, after the Example of ſome other Powers, ought not to engage therein; that *France* had promiſed to reſtore *Fort Kehl*, and pay the Contributions they had exacted; and after enlarging on the Evils an offenſive War might bring on the Empire, concluded, that a Neutrality would be moſt ſuitable; but after ſeveral other Speeches, it was agreed by a Majority of ſix Voices againſt three in the Electoral College, and 57 againſt 12 in that of the Princes, to take a vigorous Reſolution againſt the Enterprizes of *France* and other Enemies, and to declare War againſt them, *&c.* This Reſolution was confirmed the 23d, and this Day this grand Affair was entirely finiſhed, and Count *Kufſtein* ſets out To-morrow to return to *Vienna*.

Vienna, Feb. 28. Prince *Eugene* is ready for his Departure to the *Rhine*. The *French* have taken the Caſtle of *Luci*, two Leagues from *Milan*. The *Bavarian* Miniſter, Count *Priſing*, returned Yeſterday to *Munich*.

Hamburgh, March 2. Letters from *Dantzick* of the 24th paſt aſſure us, that King *Staniſlaus* will remain there, and defend the Place againſt the *Ruſſians*, upon the Promiſes made by the *French* Ambaſſador of powerful Succours, and the King his Maſter will make good all Damages the City may ſuſtain.

Paris, March 6. On the 2d Inſtant, after the King had reviewed the Regiment of *French* Guards, he addreſſed himſelf to the Officers in the following Terms.

Gentlemen,

I am perſuaded, that my Regiment of Guards will ſet my Armies an Example of behaving well: I will order the Duke *de Grammont* to give me a true Account of it without Favour or Affection. *Gentlemen*, I wiſh you a good Campagne.

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Madrid	39 1/4
Bilboa	39 1/2
Leghorn	50 1/8
Genoa	52 1/2 a 5/8
Venice	49 1/2 a 1/4
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